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FOR SSM/KONTOS FROM THORNE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: TIME REQUIRED TO PROCESS REPORTS OF VIOLATION

REF: A) STATE 54013, B) SINAI 0539

1. CONTRACTOR MESSAGE (REF B) REPLIED TO E-SYSTEMS QUESTIONS ON AVERAGE TIMES TO HANDLE ROUTINE AND EMERGENCY INTRUSION REPORTS. IN ATTEMPTING ANSWER WRONG QUESTIONS, IT PROVIDED MISLEADING RESPONSES.

2. AVERAGE TIME APPROACH IS MISAPPLIED. AVERAGING THE TIME FOR DEATH FROM BULLET IN THE HEAD AND LINGERING CANCER DOES NOT PROVIDE USEFUL INFORMATION. THIS WAS ALSO ATTEMPTED BY MITRE CORPORATION FOR SSM/SFM HISTORY AND HAS BEEN EXCISED IN OUR RE-DRAFT POUCH TO YOU. CIRCUMSTANCES OF EACH VIOLATION ARE DIFFERENT AND REQUIRE VARYING DEGREES OF INVESTIGATION. TIME VARIES ACCORDINGLY.

3. SUCH TERMS AS MINOR/MAJOR, ROUTINE/EMERGENCY ARE ALSO MISLEADING. THESE ARE JUDGMENTAL TERMS APPLIED AFTER FIRST BIT OF ALERT INFORMATION HAS BEEN AMPLIFIED BY OTHER ELEMENTS, INVESTIGATED, AND EVALUATED. FOR EXAMPLE, SENSOR ALERT IN GIDDI EAST MIGHT SUGGEST HEAVY TRAFFIC. IF FURTHER ACTIVATIONS INDICATE WEST TO EAST TRAFFIC, AND UN CONVOY IS IDENTIFIED, THERE IS NO
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VIOLATION AND EVENT IS ROUTINE. IF MOVEMENT EAST OF PASS INDICATED, BUT CHECK WITH CAMP AND FURTHER OBSERVATION ESTABLISHES IT IS A MANEUVER, MATTER IS STILL ROUTINE. SHOULD MOVEMENT APPROACH VICINITY OF PASS, ORIGINAL "ROUTINE" ALERT MIGHT DEVELOP INTO A "MAJOR" VIOLATION.

4. WITH BEST INTENTIONS AND SYSTEMS PREPARATION, NEITHER SFM NO

WASHINGTON CAN DETERMINE IN ADVANCE HOW ALERT WILL DEVELOP. CONSEQUENTLY, ONE CANNOT DICTATE HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE FOR AN ACTUAL REPORT FROM THE FIRST OBSERVATION TO NOTIFICATION (IF NECESSARY) OF THE PARTIES.

5. THE ABOVE BEING UNDERSTOOD, WE ARE ABSOLUTELY IN AGREEMENT WITH YOU THAT COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURES MUST BE SIMPLE AND FAST, OPERATORS MUST BE COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH THEM AND QUICK, AND OBSERVERS MUST BE THOROUGHLY TRAINED IN BOTH PROCEDURES AND OBSERVATION/EVALUATION. THIS IS AN INTEGRATED PROCESS WHICH WE CONTINUALLY REVIEW AND DEVELOP. IT HAS BEEN TESTED AND CAN ALREADY BE DONE IN FOUR PLUS MINUTES. BUT TOTAL TIME FOR GIVEN REPORT REMAINS WHOLLY DEPENDENT UPON VARIABLE CIRCUMSTANCES.
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